WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1    1.  A method for accessing a network through a communication device,

2 comprising:

3      receiving a contact from the communication device;

4      accessing the network based on commands received from the contact; and

5      determining, based on a data return parameter in a user profile, the data

6 return parameter including at least a parameter that indicates whether to deliver the results

7 immediately or at a later time when the results become available;

8      collecting portions of the results in a memory if results are to be delivered

9 at a later time; and

10     delivering the results to the communication device.

1    2.  The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2      receiving the commands from the communication device;

3      translating the commands into a function that is to be performed; and

4      performing the function.

1    3.  The method of claim 2, wherein the commands include at least one of a

2 voice command, a keypad command or an icon selection.

1    4.  The method of claim 2, wherein the function comprises at least one of:

2      setting up a log-on ID on the network;

3      logging on to the network;

4      accessing pages reachable through the network;

5      sending e-mail through the network;

6      retrieving e-mail received through the network;

7      searching the network;

8      chatting on the network;

9      sending messages to a forum on the network;

10     downloading from the network;

11     streaming information to a designated device;

12     sending information related to an item displayed by the communication

13 device;
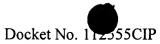
14     bidding in an auction; or

15       retrieving information based on a shopping input.

1        5.      The method of claim 1, further comprising generating an alert when all

2   portions of the results are collected, the alert being at least one of initiating a telephone

3   call, sending a message to a pager, sending a facsimile to a designated facsimile number,

4   leaving a voice mail in a voice mailbox and displaying a display of the communication

5   device.

1        6.      The method of claim 1, wherein the delivering comprises at least one of:

2                outputting the results to the communication device;

3                outputting the results to a communication device other than the

4   communication device;

5                sending a facsimile containing the results to a designated facsimile

6   number;

7                mailing a copy of the results;

8                streaming the results to a designated device; and

9                downloading result to a database and then outputting the results to the

10  designated device.

1        7.      The method of claim 1, wherein the communication device includes one or

2   more of:

3                a wireless phone;

4                a wireless internet protocol device;

5                an I-mode device;

6                a personal digital assistant;

7                an iTV;

8                a wireless radio;

9                a landline phone; and

10               a set-top box;

11               a home gateway; and

12               a wireless internet device.

1        8.      A network access device, comprising:

2                a network interface;

3                a user interface;

4          a memory; and

5          a controller coupled to the network interface and the memory, the

6     controller receiving a contact from a communication device through the user interface,

7     accessing the network based on commands received from the communication device,

8     wherein the controller determines, based on a data return parameter in a user profile, the

9     data return parameter including at least a parameter that indicates whether to deliver the

10    results immediately or at a later time, collects portions of the results in a memory if the

11    results are to be delivered at a later time, and delivers the results to the contact.

1          9.     The device of claim 8, wherein the controller receives the commands from

2     the communication device, translates the commands into a function that is to be

3     performed, and performs the function.

1          10.    The device of claim 9, wherein the commands include at least one of a

2     voice command, a keypad command, or an icon selection.

1          11.    The device of claim 9, wherein the function comprises at least one of:

2          setting up a log-on ID on the network;

3          logging on to the network;

4          accessing pages reachable through the network;

5          sending e-mail through the network;

6          retrieving e-mail received through the network;

7          searching the network;

8          chatting on the network;

9          sending messages to a forum on the network;

10         downloading information from the network;

11         sending information related to an item displayed by the communication

12    device;

13         streaming information to a designated device;

14         bidding in an auction; or

15         retrieving information based on a shopping input.

1          12.    The device of claim 8, wherein the controller generates an alert when all

2     portions of the results are collected, the alert being at least one of initiating a telephone

3     call, sending a message to a pager, sending a facsimile to a designated facsimile number,

4    leaving a voice mail in a voice mailbox, and displaying a display of the communication

5    device.

1            13.    The device of claim 8, wherein the controller at least one of:

2                    outputs the results to the communication device;

3                    outputs the results to a communication device other than the

4    communicating device;

5                    sends a facsimile containing the results to a designated facsimile number;

6                    mails a copy of the results;

7                    streams the results to a designated device; and

8                    downloads result to a database and then outputting the results to the

9    designated device.

1            14.    The device of claim 8, wherein the communication device includes one or

2    more of:

3                    a wireless phone;

4                    a personal digital assistant;

5                    an iTV;

6                    a wireless radio;

7                    a landline phone;

8                    a set-top box;

9                    a home gateway; and

10                   a wireless internet device.

1            15.    The device of claim 8, wherein the network access device is a head-end of

2    a cable system or a controller for a Digital Subscriber Line network, a controller for a

3    broadband network.